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Place and Presence: Studies of San Diego's Art in Public Spaces Since 1980, on view from April 19 through May 26 in Founders Gallery at USD, will exhibit the astonishing range of public art projects envisioned for San Diego over the past decade: from bus posters probing the border economy to the never-realized Vito Acconci Spanish Landing sculpture, from the Stuart Collection on the UCSD campus to the Chicano Park murals beneath I-5 and the Coronado Bay Bridge.

"In spite of San Diego's public art controversies, a tremendous variety of projects have been part of the city's landscape," said exhibition curator Sally Yard. "In San Diego, you can be enchanted by a eucalyptus grove that talks and sings, or jostled on the street by a provocative bus poster, or riveted by a mural painted on a highway pillar. There's an incredible sense of open possibilities that have been marvelously explored."

WORLD ORDER OF FRANCISCANS TO MEET, ELECT NEW LEADER AT USD

For the first time in their order's 800-year history, Franciscan friars from six continents will meet in North America to chart the future of their order at USD May 31 through July 2.

Since their founding in 1209 by St. Francis of Assisi, the Franciscans of the Order of Friars Minor have met every six years, usually in Rome or Assisi, to elect a new Minister General and General Council. In a significant break with tradition, the 1991 General Chapter will meet in San Diego, a crossroads of many of the world's cultures.

Nearly 150 delegates representing 19,214 friars will be on hand. Friar interpreters will provide simultaneous translation in seven languages similar to that used at the United Nations. The Franciscans' month-long stay in San Diego will include visits to Balboa Park, Sea World, and Ensenada.

25-YEAR-OLD SUPERMOM WINS NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP, HEADS FOR D.C.

Delfina Tagle is a very busy young woman. She works as a paralegal at a downtown law firm, she attends USD as an Honors Curriculum student majoring in Business Economics, she tutors

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high school students as a Literacy Corps volunteer tutor AND she's a teacher's aide at her daughter's grade school.

This extraordinary 25-year-old Latina single mother is about to take on a whole new challenge. On June 1, Tagle will travel to Washington, D.C., where she and 64 other gifted minority students, selected from a pool of 2,000 nominees, will take part in a 9-week Minority Leaders Fellowship Program hosted by the Washington Center for Internships and Seminars.

Tagle, who grew up in the South Bay area, will spend the summer gaining leadership experience as an entry-level professional at a major corporation. Tagle's 7-year-old daughter, Anjelica, will spend part of the summer with her. Her employer, Boyd and Bodow, has assured her that she is welcome back in the fall.

"I'm really looking forward to this," said Tagle. "I'll see first-hand how things are run and I'll make a lot of valuable contacts. And what better place to learn about leadership?"

CITY HONORS STUDENTS WHO TEACH LITERACY TO HOUSING RESIDENTS

This spring, when the San Diego Housing Commission gave out its annual Shelter Awards for achievements in expanding affordable housing, the winners in the Housing Innovation category included architects, developers, and a group of USD students who teach literacy to public housing residents.

Members of USD's Student Literacy Corps, which operates with a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, volunteer 60 hours a semester to work with families in the University Canyon Public Housing complex, teaching reading and English as a second language to children and sometimes to their parents as well.

"Many families who need help with English don't enroll in tutoring programs because they can't afford transportation or child care," said faculty adviser Reinhart Koehler. "So we go directly into their homes -- and many of our students say that they soon become part of the family."

When Lisa Goddard arrives at the home of her Ethiopian family, eight-year-old Ivan is waiting at the window for her. Kristin Hale helped her Vietnamese family decorate their Christmas tree. Harry Ryan says of his Vietnamese family, "They've made me realize how scary it must be to live in a country where you don't know the language. It's our job to help them cope with this new environment. We're not just teachers; we're somebody who cares."

For information on these or any other activities at the University of San Diego, please contact Kate Callen, 260-4682.